

2002
PONCHO & THE MGs
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 the 16th bridge school benefit concerts

With the release of *Are You Passionate?* in April 2002 Young embarked upon a six-date promotional tour. The first, a TV performance on *The Tonight Show*, featured the title song from the album; the second was preparation for four proposed appearances in Europe.

Having recorded and released the album, Young set out with 'Duck' Dunn (bass), Booker T. Jones (organ), Frank Sampedro (guitar) and Steve Potts (drums). Pegi and Astrid Young were on hand to provide backing vocals. The warm-up show in Redwood City gave a clear indication of what he had in mind. The set included eight songs from the new album—*Differently, You're My Girl, Are You Passionate?, Goin' Home, Let's Roll, Quit (Don't Say You Love Me), She's A Healer* and *Two Old Friends*. These were to feature at all of the shows during May. The first of these was a performance at the Nürburgring during the 'Rock Am Ring' Festival which was broadcast live in Germany by WDR on Rockpalast. The two shows in Germany were expected to be followed by two

shows in London. Sylvie Simmons reviewed the Brixton Academy show for *Mojo*: "...but it's on stirring Hurricanesque anthem *Goin' Home* that a shift seems to occur, as if Young, sensing the crowd's energy, changes tack for a high-power approach. Perhaps too high, since after a splendid 'Powderfinger' he mutters something about taking a 10-minute break and the band abruptly leave the stage." Young reportedly stepped outside for some fresh air and the dates at Brixton became one when he cancelled the second night after catching a chill. Many fans arrived at the venue the next day unaware of the situation and were disappointed to miss the show but were generally sympathetic. To be fair, Young had rarely cancelled concerts through illness.

Once again 2003 finished in traditional fashion. A Farm Aid appearance in Burgettstown—a seven-song solo set—and two Bridge School shows. It was at the latter, when Young played the last song of his ten-song solo acoustic sets—*Falling From Above*—that fans got an inkling of his next move.

NEIL YOUNG with PONCHO & THE MGs THE TONIGHT SHOW BURBANK, CA MAY 2002			
May	9	NBC Studios	Burbank, CA
NEIL YOUNG with PONCHO & THE MGs REDWOOD CITY, CA MAY 2002			
May	10	Fox Theatre	Redwood City, CA
NEIL YOUNG with PONCHO & THE MGs EUROPE MAY 2002			
May	18	<i>Rock Am Ring Festival</i> Centre Stage, Nürburgring	Nürnberg, Germany
	19	<i>Rock Im Park Festival</i> Centre Stage, Nürnberg Frankenstadion	Nürnberg, Germany
	21	Brixton Academy	London, England
NEIL YOUNG with PONCHO & THE MGs FARM AID 2002 BURGETTSTOWN SEPTEMBER 2002			
September	21	Post Gazette Pavilion	Burgettstown, PA
NEIL YOUNG THE 16TH BRIDGE SCHOOL BENEFIT CONCERTS MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA OCTOBER 2002			
October	26 & 27	Shoreline Amphitheatre	Mountain View, CA

**The Tonight Show
NBC Studios
Burbank, CA**

9th May 2002

- 1 Are You Passionate?

with Frank Sampedro on electric guitar, 'Duck' Dunn on bass, Steve Potts on drums, Booker T. Jones on organ, Astrid Young and Pegi Young on vocals.

**Fox Theatre
Redwood City, CA**

10th May 2002

- 1 When You Dance I Can Really Love
- 2 The Loner
- 3 Differently
- 4 You're My Girl
- 5 Sleeps With Angels
- 6 Are You Passionate?
- 7 Goin' Home
- 8 Cinnamon Girl
- 9 Cortez The Killer
- 10 Let's Roll
- 11 Powderfinger
- 12 Quit (Don't Say You Love Me) *
- 13 Quit (Don't Say You Love Me)
- 14 She's A Healer
- 15 All Along The Watchtower
- 16 Two Old Friends
- 17 Mr Soul
- 18 Down By The River
- 19 Helpless

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No support act.

**Rock Am Ring Festival
Centre Stage
Nürburgring
Nürburg, Germany**

18th May 2002

- 1 When You Dance I Can Really Love A
- 2 The Loner
- 3 Differently A
- 4 Sleeps With Angels
- 5 Are You Passionate? A
- 6 Goin' Home A
- 7 Cinnamon Girl
- 8 Cortez The Killer A
- 9 Let's Roll
- 10 Powderfinger
- 11 Quit (Don't Say You Love Me) A
- 12 She's A Healer A
- 13 All Along The Watchtower
- 14 Two Old Friends A
- 15 Mr Soul
- 16 Down By The River
- 17 F*!#in' Up
- 18 Helpless

Other artists appearing on the same stage were Wyclef Jean, Jamiroquai, Natalie Merchant, Gomez and Jan Josef Liefers. Also appearing on the same day were Muse, Tocotronic, Starsailor, Element Of Crime, Sportfreunde Stiller, Wilco, Readymade, Doves and Mull Historical Society.

**Rock Im Park Festival
Centre Stage
Nürnberg Frankenstadion
Nürnberg, Germany**

19th May 2002

- 1 When You Dance I Can Really Love
- 2 The Loner
- 3 Differently
- 4 Sleeps With Angels
- 5 Are You Passionate?
- 6 Goin' Home
- 7 Cinnamon Girl
- 8 Cortez The Killer
- 9 Let's Roll
- 10 Powderfinger
- 11 Quit (Don't Say You Love Me)
- 12 She's A Healer
- 13 All Along The Watchtower
- 14 Two Old Friends
- 15 Mr Soul
- 16 Down By The River
- 17 F*!#in' Up

Other artists appearing on the same stage were Wyclef Jean, Jamiroquai, Bush, Natalie Merchant and Gomez. Also appearing on the same day were Muse, Tocotronic, Starsailor, Element Of Crime, Sportfreunde Stiller, Wilco, Readymade, Doves and Mull Historical Society.

**Brixton Academy
London, England**

21st May 2002

- 1 When You Dance I Can Really Love
- 2 The Loner
- 3 Differently
- 4 Sleeps With Angels
- 5 Are You Passionate?
- 6 Goin' Home
- 7 Cinnamon Girl
- 8 Cortez The Killer
- 9 Let's Roll
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- 17 Helpless

Supported by Black Rebel Motorcycle Club.

**Centre Stage
Nürburgring
Nürburg, Germany**

Broadcast on German TV. All songs appear on the bootleg DVD **Mr Sad Live** and on the bootleg 2CD **Too Late Too Soon**.

A Appear on the bootleg CD **Let The Good Times Go**.